

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- Amendments -

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claim 1 is amended to better define the invention.

Claims 1 to 3 remain pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

- Remarks -

35 USC §112

Claim 1 is rejected under §112, first paragraph, for containing subject matter not described in the specification. Claim 1 is amended to remove the features of the second authentication device, and the first and second authentication devices being connected to a common authenticated data bus.

Regarding the alleged ambiguity regarding the interpretation of “first authentication device for authenticating one or more properties of the printhead”, Applicant does not intend for this recitation to be interpreted under §112, 6th paragraph, as a means plus function limitation. Applicant amends this portion of claim 1 to recite a first authentication device that authenticates one or more properties of the printhead, to better clarify Applicant’s this intention.

35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1 to 3 are rejected under §103(a) over the combination of McElfresh et al. (US 6,557,976), Arthur et al. (US 5,049,898) in view of Inpyn (US 6,053,598). Independent claim 1 is amended to better distinguish over this combination of references.

As submitted herewith, amended claim 1 recites a cover molding defining a recess for receiving a removable ink refill cartridge, the cover molding further defining a plurality of passageways providing fluidic access from outside of the printer cartridge to the printing fluid storage.

The above features do not appear to be taught or suggested by the combination of McElfresh et al., Arthur et al., and Inpyn.

Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,



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